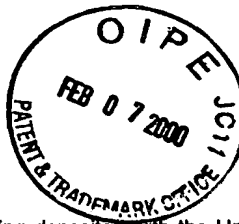


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In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed **January 24, 2000**, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I (i.e., Claims 1-6, drawn to a semiconductor isolation structure, classified in Class 257, subclass 510) for prosecution on the merits.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 7-9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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